Academic Standing Policy

The minimum grade point average (GPA) required by the University for awarding the baccalaureate degree is 2.00 for all credit work taken by the student as part of an approved program of study. The grade point average is computed by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of GPA hours (See “Grading System,” University Catalog), except for credit hours in courses for which the student received a "W" or "I." For any repeated course, the grade earned only in the last attempt is used in the grade point average calculation.

The academic standing is determined at the end of each semester based on the cumulative grade point average (overall GPA) at the end of that semester as well as the grade point average earned during the semester.

**Good Academic Standing:** A student who maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher is in good academic standing. A student may still be considered in good academic standing if he/she has a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.00 but meets the condition described below.

**Academic Probation:** Students who start any semester in good academic standing but fail to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher at the end of the semester will be placed on Academic Probation for the following semester. Students on Probation may be removed from Academic Probation at the end of the semester if they earn a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. Students who fail to bring their cumulative GPA to 2.00 or higher at the end of the semester will be placed on Suspension. However, a student on Academic Probation will be considered in good academic standing and will not be suspended at the end of any semester during which a semester GPA of 2.25 or higher has been earned. **Students on Academic Probation:**

- May not register for more than 15 semester credit hours
- MUST seek advisement in the office of their major department
- Complete an Academic Agreement with their academic advisor.

**Suspension:** Students on Academic Probation at the beginning of the semester are suspended if they fail to bring their cumulative GPA to 2.00 or higher by the end of the semester unless they earn a semester GPA of 2.25 or higher. Additionally, any student enrolled in nine or more credit hours and who earns an “F” in all classes will be suspended from the University.

A. The first academic suspension is for a period of at least one long semester (fall or spring).
   - Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a fall semester are suspended for the following spring and are not eligible to re-enroll until the following summer.
   
   - Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a spring semester are suspended for the following fall and are not eligible to re-enroll until the following spring.
   
   - Students placed on academic suspension at the end of a summer session are suspended for the following fall and are not eligible to re-enroll until the following spring.

B. Any suspension after the first one will be for a period of one year. At the end of the suspension period, students will need to apply for re-admission to the University provided they can show evidence of increased academic maturity as explained below.

C. While being on suspension, the student must enroll in another institution of higher learning and show evidence of academic maturity at the end of the suspension period. Such evidence may be grades from courses taken at that institution. Military service and associated courses/training may also be used as evidence of maturity. The following are evidence of academic maturity based on the suspension period:

   - **Academic maturity evidence for one semester suspension:** Completion of 12 credit hours or more in courses that are not repeats of courses previously taken at TSU (unless the
student receives low or failing grades) and a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of the enrollment period.

- **Academic maturity evidence for one year suspension:** Completion of 24 credit hours or more in courses that are not repeats of courses previously taken at TSU (unless the student receives low or failing grades) and a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of the enrollment period.

**Academic Suspension and Appeal:**

Faculty and staff are committed to helping students achieve their academic goals. Nevertheless, some students fail to maintain an adequate grade point average and are academically suspended. Students who believe that extenuating circumstances contributed to their suspension may appeal their case to the University's Committee on Suspension and Readmission. To appeal, students must explain those circumstances in a letter submitted to the committee immediately after receiving notification of suspension. (See also "Grade Appeal, Retention Standards, and Academic Probation" in the Undergraduate Catalog.)

**Readmission from Academic Suspension:**

A. Only the dean of the college or school may readmit students on academic suspension from Texas Southern University.

B. Readmission from academic suspension is neither automatic nor guaranteed. Students seeking readmission must submit the following to the dean of the college or school in which they wish to earn their degrees:

1. A written petition justifying their readiness to resume their studies at the University.

2. Transcripts showing at least a 2.50 grade point average on all college work completed elsewhere while on academic suspension from Texas Southern University.

3. Transcripts of all other completed college work.

4. Students seeking to change their majors from the college from which they were suspended to another college must submit a "change of major" request along with a petition for readmission from academic suspension to the college of the intended major.

Colleges or schools may have additional policies and procedures pertaining to readmission from academic suspension; therefore, students seeking readmission should consult the appropriate college section in this catalog or request information from the office of the academic dean for specific college requirements.

When re-admitted, the student will enter the University with probationary status. Another suspension at the end of the semester of re-admission may be avoided by achieving the minimum cumulative grade point average according to the above standards.

**NOTE:**
Each college or school may adopt its own set of "Academic Progression Standards" to address the particular academic needs of its students. These standards, however, may be higher than the standards of the University, as set out above, but they may not be lower.

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